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December began with snow—ugh! Never mind, spring is nearer than it was a month ago.

There's some ice on the ponds but don't go skating yet unless you are sure the ice rests on solid earth.

Warren Gardner has been appointed mail carrier for the route between Smyrna and the depot. He has purchased the vehicle that Milo Dicken used for that purpose.

There was a good attendance at the dancing party Wednesday night, 84 numbers being sold and everybody seemed to have a good time.

Mort Short and Misses Viva Short and Thirya Miner of Grand Rapids were here Wednesday night to attend the dancing party and were guests of Henry Harris and family Thursday.

Born, Nov. 19, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Nelson of Edmore, a daughter, Ida Lucile. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were former residents of Smyrna.

The Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Condon were Mr. and Mrs. Lon Conrad of Grattan and Miss Mabel Rich of Howard City.

Major F. R. Chase received another carload of coal last week. Now Smyrna folks feel much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks were visitors at the home of Sherman Hulbert Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis entertained Russell Gais and family and Mrs. Caroline Gais of Belding Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Ida Shaw visited Mrs. Mary Gray Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Shaw intends to leave for Detroit soon.

Mrs. Albert Northway was called to the Brink neighborhood Thursday afternoon to care for the sick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Krick.

M. D. Hull of Keene called on his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hull Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks visited Charles Brink and wife Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cowles entertained Hiram Olds and wife Thanksgiving day.

The Thanksgiving day guests of Mrs. Robert Earle were Frank Loomis, wife and daughter of Orleans and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Russell. Mrs. Loomis and daughter remained over night on account of the storm and Mrs. Russell took her home Friday.

Mrs. Archie Woodruff called on Mrs. Sylvester Osborn Wednesday.

Mrs. W. E. Williams of Lansing arrived Friday to care for her sister, Miss Nella Tobbel, who was quite ill with influenza. Miss Nella is recovering from her illness now.

Mrs. James Joslin called on Mrs. Eleanor Dicken Friday.

Robert Earle has employment in the Richardson silk mill in Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Condon and sons, Clifford and Carroll, were guests of Mrs. Ella Beedy and Mrs. Grace Beedy Thanksgiving day.

Miss Fannie Earle visited friends in Belding one day last week.

Miss Ruth Whitmore enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with her home folks near Palo. She returned to Smyrna Saturday night.

Will Buell returned Friday from Detroit where he purchased a span of horses for Henry Harris.

Sylvester Osborn and Milo Dicken were both on the sick list the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks were in Belding Sunday visiting Ray Ring and family. Ray came to Smyrna after them with his automobile.

Lester Beebe was home from Belding over Sunday. He was the supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Osborn Saturday. They had a muskrat pie. It was good, too, you better believe.

Mrs. Mary Gray and Mrs. Bertha Coss and son, Wendall, were Belding visitors Saturday.

J. E. Inley and Clifford Inley were Thanksgiving day guests of Ed. Inley and wife. Mrs. J. E. Inley was sick with the flu and had to stay at home. She is better now, however and hopes soon to enjoy her dinners with the rest of the folks.

Elton Armstrong, wife and daughter, Ruth Irene and Mrs. Brown of Edgerton, Wesley Armstrong of Rockford, Eugene Armstrong of Ce-

dar Springs and A. L. Hull and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mehney were guests of Albert Northway and wife Sunday. The Armstrongs were grandsons of Mrs. Northway and great-grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Hull.

The Misses Marie and Marian Byrne of Keene called on Mrs. Elgin Condon Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, their daughter, Aldena and son Albert enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Lynn Mason and family of Grattan Friday.

Mr. Amos Russell was called over to Orleans Saturday to care for her daughter, Mrs. Frank Loomis, who is quite ill with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Olmstead of Eureka were Sunday guests of Mrs. Robert Earle.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mehney entertained Albert Northway and wife and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hull Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoppough and daughter Marguerite of Grand Rapids were guests of Geo. Hoppough and wife Thursday.

Miss Sadie Hinebaugh visited with friends in Blanchard Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Gasper were guests of Chas. Winkworth and wife Thursday evening.

Elgin Condon is going to buy cream of the farmers soon, for a firm.

One of the chimneys on Mrs. Robert Earle's house burned out Friday night. Some of the neighbors saw the blaze shooting high in the air about the house and thought at first the house was on fire. Several of them came to aid if necessary, but no damage was done except to frighten some of them and Mrs. Earle says she has the chimney cleaned out beautifully now, but it did look wild for awhile.

Mrs. Will Case of Belding, Mrs. Ida Shaw and Mrs. Chas. Winkworth were guests of Mrs. Ella Beedy and Mrs. Grace Beedy Friday.

The Sunday guests of A. L. Hull and wife were Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Hull of Greenville and Geo. Moran, wife and daughter of Oakfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hoppough were Sunday guests of Mrs. Hattie Moe.

Sergt. Marvin Nash of Camp Custer had charge of the Thanksgiving day feast at the camp and entertained 400 of the soldier boys and about 20 guests royally. One old lady who was a guest told Marvin that she had enjoyed many Thanksgiving dinners and prepared a lot of them herself but his was the best one yet. The menu was as follows: Oyster soup, soda wafers, sliced tomatoes, celery, stuffed olives, baked turkey, apple dressing, brown gravy, cranberry jelly, snowflake potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, Custer creamed peas, fruit salad, mayonnaise dressing, lettuce salad, Spanish dressing, mince pie, pumpkin pie, fruit cake, cream bread, rye bread, California oranges, Michigan apples, assorted nuts, country butter, apple butter, milk, coffee, sugar, Court Royal cigars, Camel cigarettes.

Day Richmond was home from Thanksgiving from Camp Custer.

GRATTAN

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Keating.

Miss Hazel Borden of Grand Rapids and Lee Dixon of Ada spent last Thursday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Borden.

Miss Ethel McGinnis, teacher of the primary room gave a Thanksgiving program on Wednesday and a picnic dinner was served which was greatly enjoyed by the pupils.

Mrs. Verna Thompson of Grand Rapids spent Wednesday and Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manly Wolf.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Norton, Mrs. Ruth Burbano and little son ate Thanksgiving dinner at Frank Rowland's.

Emery Smith of Lansing has been the guest of his cousin, John Donovan the past week.

The Eastern Star social held at the Masonic hall Saturday was well attended; proceeds, \$33.20.

Mrs. Jay Steele is spending a few days with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Spencer and daughter, Eva spent Thursday at Miles Bowman's in Oakfield.

Miss Brown and Miss Evelyn Brown spent Sunday evening with Mrs. H. Weller.

A farewell party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Booky Saturday night by the members of the Washington club. A very good time was enjoyed by those present. Mr. Booky has rented a farm near Ionia where he will move his family this week and their friends join in wishing them good luck and abundant success in their new home.

Frank A. Brooks who is an army student at Ann Arbor came Thursday to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brooks. Those who had the opportunity of seeing him on his short visit says Frank is looking fine and thinks army life must agree with him perfectly.

Mr. E. E. Jessor and three children, Mrs. Milo Donovan and little daughter, Irene are quite sick with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Weller entertained Thanksgiving day the following: Louis Blachly and family of Rockford, Albert Johnson and family of Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Weller and Mrs. Hollis Brooks.

On account of several new cases of influenza in the vicinity the school will be closed for one week.

Mrs. Fern Wright who has been visiting her father, Frank Madison, the past three weeks left Tuesday for Breckenridge where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Carl Stevenson for a week before returning to her home at Lakeview.

ORLEANS

A. I. Olmstead of Jackson was a guest of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Olmstead and other relatives from Thursday till Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O'Brien were visitors of Mrs. J. M. York Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ellison of Dilline visited her sister, Mrs. W. S. Purdy and family Sunday.

The friend of Mrs. Fred Bennett are glad to see her home from Greenville where she underwent a surgical operation and is feeling quite good.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Pace entertained the former's mother, Mrs. A. E. Pace and two granddaughters, Helen and Eunice, Knights of Belding, also their son, Ernie and family.

Wm. Van Giesen, who is in training camp at Ft. Pleasant, called on Mr. and Mrs. Edward Treynor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hill called on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Noddins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crumbach of Caledonia were Saturday and Sunday guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Bert Hill and family.

Louis Peterson of Smyrna spent a part of last week with his cousin, Guy Hoppough.

Miles Meeks of Wyoming is here for a short visit with relatives.

Mrs. Elta Lavery called on Mrs. T. Hill Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Ellen Frost is spending the week in Belding as a guest of her sister, Mrs. Art Brown and family.

Mrs. M. A. Palmer and Lyle Clark visited Ionia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bigley of Grand Rapids spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill.

Mrs. Nadia Schultz returned home Wednesday evening after a delightful visit of several days with relatives at Lansing and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hoppough were Grand Rapids visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Wilber returned Sunday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Hazelett and family of Ronald.

Mr. and Mrs. Fullert Christiansen and family have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends in their recent bereavement and the loss of their youngest son, Ulver. He had been sick sometime with whooping cough which developed into brain fever and he died Friday at 1:30 a. m. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon, Rev. Birdall officiating. Interment in Higbee cemetery.

Mrs. Christiana, the daughter, son, are improving but the daughter, Mary is seriously ill with pneumonia but we hope she may soon be better.

Mrs. J. H. Freeland left Tuesday for her home in Freeport after spending a week with her brother, C. D. Easterbrooks and wife.

The yarn for the sweaters has come and the ladies who pledged to knit one can call at Mrs. Easterbrooks' and get their allotment. We hope to soon be able to continue our Red Cross work, also the work for the Christmas roll call for membership.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Easterbrooks wish to thank the K. O. T. M., L. O. T. M., Epworth League and their many friends for the kindness shown them during their recent illness.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. A. W. Sommers is again on the sick list and hope for a speedy improvement.

OTISCO ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Storey and son, Alvin, visited Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dimmick of Belding.

Mrs. Archie Swears and two children returned home Sunday after spending part of the past week at Martin Swears' of Shiloh. Mr. Swears stayed to help his father who is sick.

Gerald Mehney and friend of Detroit returned to that place Saturday after visiting a week at his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Mehney.

Harold Udyke was home from Ann Arbor to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Udyke.

Mrs. C. M. Hubbard visited Friday with her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Reeves.

Miss Annie Wittenbach of Grattan visited Byrl Mason the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boss and daughter, Helen, went to Pontiac Friday, where they expect to get employment for the winter.

Those from this vicinity who enjoyed Thanksgiving dinners were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, W. C. Fiske and family at Fred Dietz's, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reeves and two sons at E. J. Reeves', Mrs. Anna Moon at F. J. Reeves', Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kimberly at M. A. Cooley's, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott of Howard City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Reeves.

Harry Clifford of near Hubbardston and mother, Mrs. Hattie Clifford of Woodard Lake were callers Thursday on her brother, C. M. Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Earle are the parents of a daughter, weight 3 1-2 pounds, born Wednesday, Nov. 27.

"America's Answer", second U. S. war film at Empress Tuesday, Dec. 10.

MIRIAM NEWS

There are not very many cases of flu in this vicinity, only Joe Zahn's family are entertaining it at present.

Miss Susie Laux of Detroit, Mrs. Ed. Schinborne and Mrs. Jake Schinborne spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Laux.

Joe Albert, who fell and hurt his hip last Saturday is improving as fast as can be expected.

Margaret Laux, who is attending McLaughlin university, Grand Rapids was home to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Laux.

Mrs. Frank Kemp was the Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kohn, also calling on her brother, Anthony, who had the misfortune to break his leg several weeks ago.

Pvt. John Krupp of Camp Custer was home to spend Thanksgiving with his home folks.

Mrs. Margaret Albert of Alpine is visiting relatives in this community.

BRINK

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Regan and Iva were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Geo. Hopkins of Greenville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hote Eckert from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Lois Wright was the Sunday guest of Miss Hazel Snow.

Jim Youngs of Millbrook is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. E. Leach.

Hite Eckert was a caller at W. E. Leach's Sunday.

The Thanksgiving guests at Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brink were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Choate and son, Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks of Smyrna and Mrs. Kate Mast, Mr. Brink's sister.

Mrs. Frank Kemp visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kohn Sunday and in the afternoon called on Anthony Kohn who is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brink and daughter, Olive, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mast of Smyrna Sunday. Mrs. Kate Mast returned home with them and has been there since Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving guests at Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson's were Mr. and Mrs. Milo Brown and son, Vern, and daughter, Margaret and son Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Rich, Mrs. Tish Currie, Byrl Currie, Miss Leon Tut-hill of Grattan, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe and J. D. Strain.

Mrs. Clyde Cooper and daughter, Katherine are very ill with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Woodridge are the delegates to Lansing from the East Otisco Farmers' club.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanburn Sunday after church and Helen visited with Margie Harrison.

Mrs. Geo. Chickering visited Miss Lydia Towne Saturday. Lydia is on the sick list.

Will Krick and sons, Mason, Lewis and Albert are ill with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Towne and Miss Lydia and Herbert were the Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kilburn.

Mrs. Maud W. Y. Cobb and Mrs. Hattie Thorn of Belding visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach Thursday and Friday and of course had a good Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Clarence Snow was a caller at Mrs. M. L. Howe's Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chickering visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chickering Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. John Reeves and children of Orleans visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chickering from Thursday till Monday as John Reeves was plastering the house.

Mrs. Emory Chickering visited Mrs. Ross Chickering Wednesday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Will Krick on the arrival of a fine son Thanksgiving day who will answer to the name of Wilford Allen. Mrs. Albert Northway is caring for Mrs. Krick.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Towne called on Clarence Snow Sunday.

ASHLEY

We were truly all very thankful this last Thanksgiving. War ended, no substitutes with flour and more sugar promised.

Mrs. W. L. Hoover is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Longstreet entertained for Thanksgiving dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Longstreet, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beardslee, Mr. and Mrs. Howard McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood and sons.

Ernest Eggleston of Camp Custer and his wife from Stanwood, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morton of Mecosta and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith ate Thanksgiving dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eggleston.

Mr. and Mrs. MacDougal of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Hazzie Lawrence.

Rev. Ellis expects to start his mill again this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy and Guy Clifford and Miss Nellie Ashley spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. James Clifford.

Mr. and Mrs. John McNaughton ate chicken with Rev. H. Ellis and family Thursday.

Friends of Herbert Bartel were shocked to hear of his death which occurred at the home of his brother in Tustin, Friday. He had gone to help take care of his brother and family who were ill with flu when he contracted it himself and was ill only three days. He was a fine young man and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Martin Snyder writes from somewhere in France he has been very busy and would like a cup of good coffee and a piece of real cake but now the war is over maybe he has had it by this time. We hope so.

CHADWICK

Mrs. Frank Treynor and daughter, Esther have gone to Detroit for a few weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheeler and daughter Elva and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Belding and daughter Gayels of Belding motored to Palo and ate Thanksgiving dinner with Floyd Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chadwick and son, Albert spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore of Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bolster of Belding and Luther Berry called on their father and grandfather, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Tooley and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tooley and daughter spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Edmonds.

Edgar Berry called on his brother,

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BELDING MICHIGAN

Leander Berry, Tuesday.

Mrs. Albert Awkumpough and son of Lansing are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hunt.

The farm house owned by Hal H. Smith and occupied by Mel Smith burned Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mason of Ionia spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mason.

Ermon Marshall and children spent Thanksgiving with his wife in St. Louis.

Ira Parker and Harris Bolster were in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Carl Miller and Forest Chadwick went to Six Lakes Tuesday.

Ira Parker buzzed wood for Frank Treynor Monday.

Miss Vera Bolster called on Mrs. Ransom Moore and baby Edna Blanch of Orleans Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edmonds called on Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore Sunday.

RIVER RIDGE

Welcome to the snow; makes us think Christmas is approaching.

Ira Parker called on Thos. Antcliff Sunday.

Mrs. Jas. Farrar called on Mrs. Floyd Bush Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Farrar spent Thanksgiving with Thos. Antcliff and wife.

Ira Parker and wife and children took Thanksgiving dinner with their mother near Fenwick.

Mrs. Geo. Hagadorn who has had the flu, is improving.

Mrs. Wm. Bradley isn't improving from the flu as rapidly as her many friends would wish.

Fred Wells has moved into the Bakeman house at Kiddville.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU WILL SEE IN THIS GREAT PICTURE:

Vivid Scenes of American Activities in France
Marvelous Work of American Soldiers Behind the Lines and on the Fighting Front in France
How Millions Have Been Spent Behind the Lines
Uncle Sam's Tremendous War Industries in France
What the Government is Doing With the Vast Sums of Money Raised for the World War
The Astounding Operations of Engineers in Constructing Transportation Lines
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